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For:	BIFIDOBACTERIA AND SIDEROPHORES PRODUCED THEREBY AND METHODS OF USE			

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

The present application is a divisional patent application of Serial No. 09/884,894, filed June 19, 2001, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/212,273, filed June 19, 2000.

Prior to taking up the above-identified application for examination, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on the page entitled "Amendments to the Specification."

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on the page entitled "Amendments to the Claims."

Remarks begin on the page entitled "Remarks."